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In re Application of:

MARTIN, Thomas

Serial No. 10/070,279

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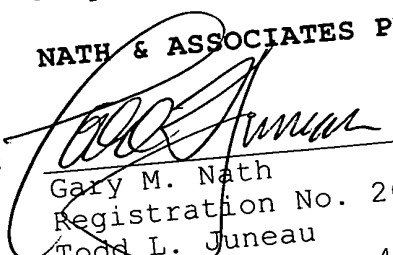
Sir:
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response to Restriction / Election Requirement and Amendment; and
- 3) Appendix A.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 6, 2003. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on November 6, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has indicated that claim 9 is non-statutory and claim 10 violates 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112. In particular, the Examiner states that "Claim 9 is non-statutory as a medicament is not a pharmaceutical composition or a method claim" and "Claim 10 violates 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, since it is drafted in terms of use. Accordingly, please amend claims 9 and 10 as set forth in Appendix A attached herewith.